



TOWN WARRANT

Hampshire, ss.

To one of the Constables of the Town of Amherst, in said county, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the registered voters of the Town of Amherst of the Special Town Meeting to be held in the Auditorium of the Amherst Regional Middle School in said Amherst at seven-thirty-five o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the fifteenth of June, two thousand and five, when the following article will be acted upon by town meeting members:

**ARTICLE 1. Petition – Plum Brook Rescission
 (Spiegelman)**

“To see if the town will rescind the action taken under motion E of Article 8 of the October 28, 2002 special town meeting to appropriate \$500,000 for athletic fields at Plum Brook and to authorize the borrowing of \$500,000 for that purpose.”

**ARTICLE 2. Petition – Land Acquisition – Hobart Lane/Rolling Ridge Road
 (Minear)**

“To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire for recreation, conservation, low and moderate income housing, education, or other purposes by purchase, eminent domain, gift or otherwise, certain tracts or parcels of land comprising 14.89 acres, more or less, and located in North Amherst between the current eastern end of Hobart Lane and the current western end of Rolling Ridge Road, bounded on the south by University land and on the north by the former Barkowski farm (parcels 5C-140, 5C-141, 5C-142, 5C-146, and 5C-147) and authorize the application for and receipts of grants or contributions from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or others.”

**ARTICLE 3. Land Acquisition - Hobart Lane/Rolling Ridge Road
 (Select Board)**

“To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to acquire for recreation, conservation, low and moderate income housing, education, roadway improvement or other municipal purposes by purchase, eminent domain, gift or otherwise in fee simple, easement or other interest therein, in accordance with MGL Chapter 40, Section 14, MGL Chapter 79, all as amended, and any other laws so authorizing, certain tracts of land described as follows:

CADASTRE MAP	PARCEL #	LISTED OWNER	APPROX. AREA
5C	140	New Genesis Fdn, Inc	0.07 acres
5C	141	New Genesis Fdn, Inc	2.97 acres
5C	142	New Genesis Fdn, Inc	6.80 acres
5C	146	New Genesis Fdn, Inc	1.59 acres
5C	147	New Genesis Fdn, Inc	3.46 acres
5C	69	Catherine C. Porter	0.65 acres
5C	70	Catherine C. Porter	0.57 acres
5C	123	Jeffrey S. Perchak	0.67 acres
5C	124	Jeffrey S. Perchak	0.61 acres

and that the Town appropriate \$1,000,000 for the acquisition for recreation, conservation, low and moderate income housing, education, roadway improvement or other municipal purposes, of the land or interests in land located on Parcels 69, 70, 123, 124, 140, 141, 142, 146 and 147, Cadastre Map 5C, and to determine whether such appropriation shall be met by taxation, the transfer of available funds, by borrowing, or otherwise and further to authorize the application for and acceptance of any gifts, bequests, or grants from the

Commonwealth of Massachusetts or otherwise and further authorize the Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement for said grants.

ARTICLE 4. Amend Amherst Town Government Act – Poll Hours
(Select Board)

To see if the Town will authorize and direct the Select Board to petition the General Court for a special act to amend sections 1.3 and 2.42 of the Amherst Town Government Act, to provide uniform voting hours at all town elections by adding the language in **boldface** and deleting the language in ~~striketrough~~ as follows:

1.3 Conduct of Elections. Meeting of the registered voters of the several precincts for elections, for primaries, and for voting upon any question to be submitted to all registered voters of the town, shall be held on the same day ~~and at the same hour~~ and at the same places within the town as the select board shall in the warrant for such election direct, **and the polls shall open not later than 7 o'clock in the morning and shall close not earlier than 8 o'clock in the evening.**

2.4 Referendum. ... 2.42 Election Procedure. ...The polls shall ~~be open during hours to be determined by the select board but they shall be open~~ no later than ~~noon~~ **7 o'clock in the morning** and shall ~~be closed~~ not earlier than 8 o'clock in the evening...

and to determine whether the General Court shall have the right to reasonably vary the form and substance of the proposed special act within the scope of its public objectives and, if so, whether to require the approval of the Select Board in advance of any change.

You are hereby directed to serve this call by posting attested copies thereof at the usual places:

Prec. 1	North Amherst Post Office	Prec. 6	Fort River School
Prec. 2	North Fire Station	Prec. 7	Crocker Farm School
Prec. 3	Marks Meadow School	Prec. 8	Munson Memorial Library
Prec. 4	Amherst Post Office	Prec. 9	Wildwood School
Prec. 5	Town Hall	Prec. 10	Campus Center, UMass

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of May 2005.

Board of Selectmen

Date

Hampshire, ss.

In obedience to the within warrant, I have this day as directed posted true and attested copies thereof at the above designated places, to wit:

Constable, Town of Amherst